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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, F. B. I.

DATE: April 25, 1946

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND

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Reference is made to Bureau letter to Richmond Field Division dated April 15, 1946, in the above matter.

Investigation at Leesburg, Virginia, revealed that although there is a Peoples' National Bank, there is not a Peoples' National Bank Building, in the sense of there being offices in such a building. The bank is a single building and occupies it entirely. Entrance to the bank is gained through large double doors in the center of the building. Anyone going through these doors would have to go into the bank, and any agents observing this person could see that he did enter the bank. There is no other entrance in the front of the bank building. The bank was not open on Thanksgiving Day.

A list of the bank employees was obtained and this list is as follows: BRUCE McINTOSH, President; O. I. THOMAS, Vice-President; W. S. JENKINS, Vice-President; T. FRANK OSBURN, Vice-President; ARTHUR S. JENKINS, Cashier; J. L. McINTOSH, Assistant Cashier; WILLIAM F. PEACH, Assistant Cashier; E. N. BRADFIELD, Trust Officer. Other employees are Mrs. ELIZABETH L. PHILLIPS, Mrs. LEILA H. GALLEHER, Mrs. HELEN RODERICK, Mrs. EVA G. McCABE, Miss RUTH ONISON, Mrs. HELEN M. JOHNSTON, ROSIE J. MITCHELL and W. F. AULT, Janitor. All employees have a key to the bank and could have been in there on Thanksgiving evening.

On the Northside of the Bank is the John Gill Radio Shop. Above this shop are two apartments. DAN CHAMBLIN, racehorse trainer and family reside in one apartment and N. B. EVERHART, a railroad worker, resides in the other. These apartments are entered by a door from the main street about thirty feet from the entrance of the bank. It is possible that HELEN TENNEY entered this doorway.

South of the Bank is a one-story building occupied by the Insurance firm of Paxon and Hawthorne. Mrs. GRISELDA FULTZ is employed there and N. B. HAWTHORNE is the only member of the firm.

There is, in Leesburg, a Loudoun National Bank which has offices over it. This building is situated about half a block from the Peoples National Bank, and on the opposite side of the street. In this

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building there are two doctors, a Dr. B. A. BRAIN, Nurse Miss JEAN KIRKPATRICK, and Dr. FRANK PURDELL SMOOT, Nurse Mrs. KATHLEEN FRY. There is also the office of the Agriculture Conservation Association. This business employs the following persons: ELIZABETH C. THOMAS, Miss DELL BASCUE, and RUBY ELIZABETH FOLLER. All three of these employees worked Thanksgiving Day, but closed the office at 4:00 P.M. There was no register for this building.

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cc - New York
Washington

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: April 9, 1946

FROM : J. C. Strickland

SUBJECT:

GREGORY

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*
FROM : Mr. E. G. Fitch *EGF*
SUBJECT: GREGORY
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DATE: April 22, 1946

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It is recommended this ~~information~~ be forwarded to the Internal Security Section for their information.

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The above is being furnished to you for information in connection with your investigation of this case.

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GREGORY

RE:

SOVIET ESPIONAGE

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REASON-FCIM, 1-2.4.2

DATE OF REVIEW 5/13/92

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the Director dated March 4, 1946, instructing that a copy of the summary information dealing with underground Soviet espionage organizational activities in agencies of the U. S. government [redacted] for their confidential information. b1

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

DETROIT FILE NO. 65-2122

REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 4/23/46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 18/46	REPORT MADE BY BOWEN F. ROSE <i>neg</i>
TITLE NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, with aliases: ETAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p><i>Ans. Foley furnished 1-6-54 personally del. WAS - comb</i></p> <p>CEDRIC HENNING BELFRAGE arrived Detroit, Michigan, April 2, 1946 and remained with Reverend CLAUDE WILLIAMS at his residence, 181 McLean Street, and at the offices of the Peoples Institute of Applied Religion, 420 Transportation Building, Detroit, Michigan. BELFRAGE left Detroit, Michigan, April 6, 1946 for Harmon, New York. Contacts made by BELFRAGE while in Detroit set out. Records Lumbermans National Bank, Muskegon, Michigan, checked relative to ALBERT EUGENE KAHN with negative results.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>DEFERRED RECORDING</p> <p>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 5/27/83 BY SP-7 mac 254, 269 3042 PUC</p> <p>5/13/86 1/25/94</p>			
<p>REFERENCES:</p> <p>Teletype from the New York Field Office to the Detroit Field Office dated April 1, 1946.</p> <p>Report of Special Agent Bowen F. Rose dated March 11, 1946 at Detroit, Michigan.</p>			
<p>DETAILS:</p> <p>This investigation is instituted upon receipt of referenced teletype requesting that the Detroit Field Division surveil CEDRIC HENNING BELFRAGE during his stay in Detroit, Michigan, and ascertain contacts made by him during this day.</p>			
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<p><i>R. A. Gue...</i></p>		<p>65-56402-945</p> <p>RECORDED & INDEXED</p> <p>EX - 67</p> <p>17</p>	
<p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</p> <p>3 - Bureau</p> <p>2 - Washington, D. C.</p> <p>2 - New York City</p> <p>2 - Birmingham</p> <p>2 - Detroit</p>		<p>EBI</p> <p>36 APR 30 1946</p>	

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There is also included herewith information relative to a check made with the National Lumbermans Bank, Muskegon, Michigan, relative to any record of ALBERT EUGENE KAHN, as requested by the New York Field Office, by letter dated February 4, 1946. The following Agents of the Detroit Field Division participated in the surveillance of CEDRIC HENNING BELFRAGE during his stay in Detroit, Michigan, from 8:15 A. M. April 2, 1946 to 8:20 A. M. April 6, 1946: Fred G. Cook, Lawrence H. Nichols, Damon W. Pitcher, Bowen F. Rose, Norman B. Schmidt, Richard W. Smith, Mortimer C. Watson, Miller R. Weeda, Edward N. Wills and Charles L. Zink.

BELFRAGE arrived at Detroit, Michigan, 8:15 A.M. April 2, 1946 via the New York Central Railroad from New York City, New York. Immediately upon his arrival he proceeded to the residence of Reverend CLAUDE WILLIAMS, 181 McLean Street, Detroit, Michigan.

On this same date, BELFRAGE and Reverend WILLIAMS proceeded to the Offices of the Peoples Institute of Applied Religion, remained at this place during the afternoon and evening at which time a meeting was held and it was ascertained that the following individuals were present during this meeting. An unknown man, Reverend G. ARTHUR, CARL HAESSLER, FRANCES PRICE, JAKE SHELLEY, MAYNE SHELLEY, Reverend CLAUDE WILLIAMS, EDNA JOYCE WILLIAMS and D. HUNT. This meeting was adjourned at 11:30 P.M. and BELFRAGE returned with Mr. and Mrs. Reverend WILLIAMS to their residence at 181 McLean Street, Detroit, Michigan.

It is to be noted that BELFRAGE remained at the residence of Reverend WILLIAMS on all nights during his stay in Detroit with the exception of the night of April 5, 1946 when he slept in the Offices of the Peoples Institute of Applied Religion, 420 Transportation Building, Detroit.

On April 3, 1946 BELFRAGE and Reverend WILLIAMS were observed to leave 181 McLean Street and proceed to 420 Transportation Building where they remained from 2:30 P.M. to 6 P.M. when they returned to 181 McLean Street. It is to be noted that no contacts were made by BELFRAGE on this date other than with Reverend G. ARTHUR, who has an office at 420 Transportation Building, and FRANCES PRICE, who also works at this office.

On April 4, 1946 BELFRAGE and Reverend WILLIAMS were observed to leave 181 McLean Street and arrived at 420 Transportation Building at 8:45 A.M. where they remained until 5:15 P.M., at which time they returned to 181 McLean Street. On this same date at 8 P.M. BELFRAGE accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Reverend WILLIAMS were observed to leave 181 McLean Street and walk to the address of 39 Massachusetts Avenue where they remained until 10:30 P.M. It is to be noted that CARL HAESSLER resides at 39 Massachusetts Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

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Under date of April 5, 1946 BELFRAGE and Reverend WILLIAMS were observed to leave 181 McLean Street and proceed to 420 Transportation Building, arriving there at 8:35 A.M. At 2:30 P.M. BELFRAGE and Reverend WILLIAMS were observed to leave the Transportation Building and walk to the Offices of the Visual Training Company, also known as the Forbes Company, located at 815 Bates Street, Detroit, Michigan. They were observed to remain in these offices for approximately one and a half hours when they returned to 420 Transportation Building. At 7:15 P.M. BELFRAGE and Reverend WILLIAMS were observed to leave the Transportation Building and Reverend WILLIAMS was observed to enter a cab presumably to return to his home and that BELFRAGE, after a brief walk was observed to return to the Transportation Building where he remained over night in the Offices of the Peoples Institute of Applied Religion, sleeping on a cot that was located in the office of Reverend CLAUDE WILLIAMS.

On the date of April 6, 1946 BELFRAGE departed from Detroit, Michigan, via the New York Central Railroad, Train 50, Empire State Express, occupying seat #3 in pullman car W, holding tickets for Harmon, New York, scheduled to arrive Harmon, New York 8:58 P.M. April 6, 1946. It is to be noted that the activities of BELFRAGE while in Detroit, Michigan, were reported daily to the Bureau, Washington Field Office and the New York Field Office.

The files of the Detroit Field Division reflect the following information relative to persons contacted by BELFRAGE during his stay in Detroit:

Reverend G. ARTHUR

Reverend ARTHUR has been very active in the organization of the Peoples Institute of Applied Religion and he is to be placed in charge of the Detroit area for this organization when Reverend WILLIAMS moves the Headquarters of this organization to Birmingham, Alabama, during June, 1946. On February 25, 1945 a man identified as G. ARTHUR was listed as a member of the Communist Party and had pledged himself to recruit three new members.

CARL HAESSLER

On November 30, 1945 he was listed as a member of the Steering Committee of the Civil Rights Federation. He was incarcerated as a Conscientious Objector during the first World War and was imprisoned at Alcatraz. He is assigned FBI #75511. He is reported to have directed the Communist Party Workers School in Chicago and having managed the Federal Press in Chicago during 1924. He was listed as a Rhodes scholar and a professor of the University of Illinois during 1914 and affiliated with numerous Communist Party front organizations and active in Communist Party functions of the UAW during 1914.

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1917-18 articles in the Milwaukee Journal Newspaper reflect that he was a Socialist connected with the Milwaukee Socialist Paper. He is listed as being active in numerous front organizations from 1932 to 1943 in Detroit, Michigan, and was also associated with the Civil Rights Federation during the race riots in Detroit, Michigan in 1943. Informants advise that during 1944 he was an Executive Board member of the Detroit Council for American-Soviet Friendship and that he handled publicity for State Senator STANLEY NOVAK, Communist collaborator during recent elections. He is also listed as having taught classes in labor journalism at the Highlander Folk School, Montego, Tennessee, from August 21 to 26, 1941.

Informants advise further that during 1945 he was considered an old-time Communist who was well thought of, but not carried as an open member.

On April 22, 1945 he appeared as a sponsor for the Peoples Institute of Applied Religion, which is a well-known Communist front organization. On February 26, 1946 he is known to have edited and contributed articles to various small union papers. He is also listed as a member of the Publicity Committee for the Labor Press of the Detroit Council of Applied Religion.

FRANCES PRICE

Miss PRICE is listed as Field Secretary for the Peoples Institute of Applied Religion and is known to be very active in the affairs of this organization and is present daily at their Headquarters, 420 Transportation Building, Detroit, Michigan, where she does clerical and stenographic work for Reverend WILLIAMS and Reverend ARTHUR.

The files of the Detroit Field Division failed to reflect any information relative to an individual known as D. HUNT, who was observed at the Peoples Institute of Applied Religion Headquarters on April 2, 1946.

JAKE SHELBY

SHELBY is employed by the U. S. Rubber Company where he serves as President of Local 223 of the United Rubber Workers of America - CIO. Mr. SHELBY is also listed as a shop preacher for the Detroit Council of Applied Religion.

MAYNE SHELBY

MAYNE SHELBY, wife of JAKE SHELBY, believed to be identical with one M. SHELBY who is listed as a Communist suspect in the Detroit area on October 23, 1940.

Reverend CLAUDE CLOSSIE WILLIAMS

Reverend WILLIAMS, alias ~~JOHN GALEY~~, resided in Paris, Arkansas, for five years, beginning 1931, as a Presbyterian minister and it is alleged that he was active as a labor agitator and to have had charge of the Commonwealth College in Mena, Arkansas. He has also lectured and preached in Negro settlements, urging equality of Negroes and in 1935 he was run out of Paris, Arkansas, going to Fort Smith, Arkansas where he was involved in organizing of WPA workers on a strike. Organizers of this strike, including WILLIAMS, were arrested for barratry and convicted. However, an appeal was made and the case was dismissed. The Sheriff in Fort Smith, Arkansas, advised he raided WILLIAMS' home in 1935 and found numerous Communist books and a membership card reflecting that WILLIAMS was a member in the Socialist Party. On July 26, 1941 at Little Rock, Arkansas, through the Institute of Applied Religion, actively preached Communism and Negro agitation in Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi.

During 1940 WILLIAMS became organizer for the United Cannery, Organization, Packing and Allied Workers of America and also became Director of the Peoples Institute of Applied Religion. It is to be noted that WILLIAMS at one time admitted membership in the Communist Party under the name of JOHN GALEY, but claims to have severed all connection with this Party in 1938. The Institute of Applied Religion held a series of five meetings in Wilson, Arkansas, July 25, to 29, 1944 and WILLIAMS conducted meetings in which AYC organizers participated. WILLIAMS was arrested by the Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department August 8, 1944 for investigation, but was released the next day. At this time he gave a voluntary statement concerning his activities and denied any association with the Communist Party.

Attention is directed to a book entitled "South of God" written by SIEGFRIED BELFRAGE that purportedly outlines the life and work of Reverend WILLIAMS in the southern states.

The files further reflect that Reverend WILLIAMS signed an open letter to the President of the United States on March 5, 1941, urging that the constitutional rights of the Communist Party be maintained. Reverend WILLIAMS was assigned FBI #2399632. He is registered for Selective Service with Local Draft Board 2, Court House Annex, Evansville, Indiana, assigned serial #U-1168.

Reverend WILLIAMS also spoke at a Michigan CPA State Conference on April 26, 1945 and was given a testimonial dinner on May 4, 1945 by the Civil Rights Federation of Detroit. He was also observed to be in frequent contact with JACK RASKIN, Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Federation and a Michigan CP officer.

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EDNA JOYCE WILLIAMS

EDNA WILLIAMS, wife of Reverend CLAUDE WILLIAMS, is listed as an Associate Director of the Peoples Institute of Applied Religion. It is to be noted that Mrs. WILLIAMS was present with BELFRAGE and Reverend WILLIAMS during their contact with CARL HAESSLER April 4, 1946.

Under the Visual Training Corporation, also known as the Forbes Company, a report of the U. S. Naval Intelligence Service, Ninth Naval District dated March 30, 1943 states that said Company is incorporated to make motion pictures, slide films and other media of training, educational and advertising products. Officers of said Company are listed as G. A. FLOREZ, President; D. S. BENEDICT, Vice-President; A. G. RIPPEY, Jr., Treasurer. This Company had several contracts for material to be used for educational purposes and to be used in explanation of materials used by the United States Government. The standing of this Company is listed as satisfactory and no derogatory information was listed.

Mr. PIERRE DROSTONG, Manager of the Transportation Building, who has previously been contacted by this office relative to the Peoples Institute of Applied Religion, advised that on April 5, 1946 while in the offices of the Peoples Institute of Applied Religion in the presence of Miss PRICE, BELFRAGE and Reverend ARTHUR, Reverend WILLIAMS stated that the main office of the Peoples Institute of Applied Religion was to be moved to Birmingham, Alabama, during June (1946). Reverend WILLIAMS further stated that he was going there to take charge and that Reverend ARTHUR would remain in Detroit to take care of the Institute's business in the Detroit area. Mr. DROSTONG also stated that Reverend WILLIAMS was also interested in a smaller and less expensive office for Reverend ARTHUR to enter the first of June (1946). Mr. DROSTONG advised that he explained he was unable to promise them new office space on such short notice, but he would consider them for a smaller office.

The New York Field Division by letter dated February 4, 1946 requested the Detroit Field Division to check the records of the Lumbermans National Bank at Muskegon, Michigan, for all information regarding financial transactions of ALBERT EUGENE KAHN, in which Bank KAHN was purportedly to have maintained an account during 1940 and 1941. On April 1, 1946, Mr. GEORGE W. HANSEN, Assistant Cashier, Lumbermans National Bank, Muskegon, Michigan, was contacted at which time a complete search of all records of this Bank under the name of ALBERT EUGENE KAHN was made with negative results. A check was also made at the Merchants Credit Service, Muskegon, Michigan, as well as the Identification Division of the Muskegon Police Department with negative results.

It is to be noted that there was no record of ALBERT EUGENE KAHN carried in the City Directory of Muskegon, Michigan, for the years 1940 or 1941.

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Copies of this report are being submitted to the Birmingham Field Office for informational purposes, inasmuch as it is believed that Reverend WILLIAMS will move the Headquarters of the Peoples Institute of Applied Religion to Birmingham, Alabama, in June, 1946.

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April 4, 1946

Director, FBI

Re: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER,
with aliases, et al;
ESPIONAGE - R
(A. BROTHMAN)

Dear Sir:

The services of Confidential Informant [redacted] have been utilized in the above-captioned case. *a b2 b7D*

[redacted]
[redacted] it is now believed that [redacted]
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A surveillance was placed on MARY JANE KEENEY and it was ascertained that she passed a package to JOSEPH BERNSTEIN, a subject in an internal security case in the New York Field Office, and it was believed that she had brought this package from Europe for BERNSTEIN'S use. MARY JANE KEENEY contacted HELEN SILVERMASTER, wife of the principal subject in this case, immediately upon her arrival in Washington, D. C., on March 11, 1946. *2 u*

Therefore, in view of the information Confidential Informant [redacted] has furnished to this office, it is requested that the services of this informant be continued. *b2 b7D*

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Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
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San Francisco 4, California

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Director, FBI

RE: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was. et al
ESPIONAGE - R

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Office Memorandum dated April 2, 1946 received from the Bureau. In the above captioned matter, in which this office was requested to examine a file reportedly in the possession of the American Legion of the State of California relating to SILVERMASTER. It is being noted that the Legion has in the past, objected to SILVERMASTER's employment by the United States Government.

Reference is also made to a letter received from the Washington Field Division, dated March 26, 1946, relating to the file on SILVERMASTER maintained by the California Department of the American Legion, which requested that the Washington Field Division be furnished with this information contained therein.

Further, reference is made to the report of Special Agent G. M. LANGDON, dated February 21, 1942 at San Francisco, which is entitled NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was., INTERNAL SECURITY - HATCH ACT, Bureau File 101-786, copies of which were also furnished to the Washington Field Division for its file in the Hatch Act Case (101-1083). A copy of this report is being forwarded with a copy of this letter for the information of the New York Field Division. (A.H.)

There appears on pages 14 and 15 of Agent LANGDON's report, information concerning SILVERMASTER which was obtained from Confidential Informant [redacted]. It should be pointed out that the file referred to in the above-mentioned letters is in the possession of [redacted] and that the information reported in Agent LANGDON's report was obtained from this file. b2 b7D

On April 16, 1946, Special Agent DONALD M. KUNO again contacted Confidential Informant [redacted] and thoroughly reviewed this file. All of the information contained therein was set out in Agent LANGDON's report, although much of [redacted] information had already been obtained from more reliable sources by Agent LANGDON. b2 b7D

It should be pointed out that [redacted] has admitted that [redacted] b6 b7C



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During the perusal of the file, Agent KUNO noted that [REDACTED]

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Inasmuch as all of the information [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] has been set out in Special Agent LANGDON's report, this lead is being
considered as covered with this letter. b7D

Very truly yours,

H. B. Fletcher
H. B. FLETCHER
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cc - Washington Field
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RE: *Q* GREGORY
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IGOR SERGEEVITCH GUZENKO, was. ETAL.
(CORBY CASE);
(HAZEN SISE, wa. Hazen Sise);
INTERNAL SECURITY - R; REFER 5-IS.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Bureau's letter of April 10, 1946, bearing the above-mentioned caption and a copy of which was directed to the Boston and Washington Field Offices. This letter requested an investigation in the Washington and New York Field Offices relative to the activities of HAZEN SISE while he resided in the United States.

In view of the fact that HAZEN SISE resided in Washington during the time he was in the United States as a representative of the Canadian National Film Board, it is believed that a great deal of information concerning his activities will be uncovered by the Washington Field Office. The investigation by the Washington Field Office will undoubtedly uncover certain connections of SISE in New York City, and therefore it is not contemplated that any investigation will be conducted by the New York Field Office until the Washington Field Office has completed their investigation of SISE's activities.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
E. E. CONROY, SAC. *T.S.*

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① GREGORY, ESPIONAGE R. REFER FIVE I S. JOSEPH GREGG AND FAMILY STOPPED AT THREE THREE FOUR WEST EIGHTH ST., NYC, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. THIS MORNING GREGG PUT HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN ABOARD PENNSYLVANIA TRAIN DESTINED FOR WASHINGTON, D. C. SUBSEQUENTLY GREGG, TRAVELING IN HIS AUTOMOBILE, DROVE ON ROUTE SEVENTEEN THROUGH NEW YORK STATE AND WHEN LAST HEARD FROM AT FIVE PM THIS EVENING WAS AT BINGHAMTON, NY, UNDER SURVEILLANCE AGENTS NY OFFICE. ^①GEORGE SILVERMAN WHILE IN NY FRIDAY AND SATURDAY RESIDED ONE ONE SEVEN EAST SEVENTEENTH ST., HOME OF JACK FIELD. RAY ELSON SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE NEWARK AIRPORT TWO ZERO THREE AM APRIL THIRTY, FORTYSIX AND FROM TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE IT WAS LEARNED THAT BY SHE WILL GO IMMEDIATELY TO HER HOME IN NYC. ELSON WILL NOT BE SURVEILLED FROM NEWARK AIRPORT TO HER RESIDENCE. ^①

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INFORMANT ADVISED

ON APRIL TWENTYEIGHT CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED REBECCA
FITZGERALD TOLD BEATTIE ~~MAGDOFF~~ THAT SUBJECT FITZGERALD FLEW TO NEW
 YORK TO BE WITH FATHER WHO IS ILL, MAY RETURN TUESDAY.

DATE CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED ONE SAM THOMPSON JUST RETURNED
FROM NEW YORK CONTACTED HARRY MAGDOFF, ENGAGED IN LENCHY POLITICAL
DISCUSSION, THOMPSON INDICATED IF SAM RUBIN IS A COMMUNIST HE IS A
CHINAMAN. MAGDOFF STATED WHEN HE WAS IN NEW YORK HE HAD TALKED WITH
THE BOYS. HE DID NOT SEE RUBIN BUT TALKED TO JAY DISS WHO IS THE
ASSISTANT ON THE SUBJECT. HE INDICATED THEY TELL PLEASIBLE STORY
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THAT THE BOYS BROUGHT IN THE RED ISSUE AS A RED HERRING. ON APRIL TWENTY NINE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ADVISED JENNY MILLER INDICATED MILLERS ARE GIVING COCKTAIL PARTY ~~SATURDAY~~ SATURDAY IN HONOR OF BOBS PARENTS. ON SAME DATE JENNY CONTACTED SARAH KINDLEBERGER AND INVITED HER TO SATURDAY PARTY. SARAH BELIEVED TO BE WIFE OF CHARLES P. KINDLEBERGER DIVISION ~~GERMAN~~ GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN AFFAIRS, STATE DEPARTMENT. JENNY ALSO INVITED A MRS. BOLLES, BELIEVED TO BE MONA B. BOLLES, WIFE OF BLAIR BOLLES, NEWSPAPER MAN OFFICE PRESS BUILDING. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SUBSEQUENTLY JERRY ASKWITH CONTACTED ~~JERRY ASKWITH~~ b1
JOAN INDICATING MAL HOBBS SAID HELEN SHOULD LIKE JOB AS SPEECH WRITER FOR CONGRESSMAN. ALSO MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF JOB WITH DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE. JOAN INDICATED DON ROTHEN BEING HAS BEEN ORGANIZING AVC MEETING AT GW UNIVERSITY FOR THURSDAY NIGHT AND HIS HAVING DE LACY ATTEND MEETING. HOWEVER DON FEELS UNIVERSITY WILL NOT APPROVE THIS SORT OF ~~ORGANIZING~~ ORGANIZING. LATER LOAN REDMONT CONTACTED
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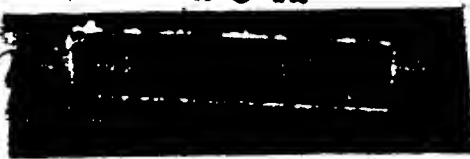
MAL HOBBS CONCERNING JOB FOR SCOTT. HOBBS STATED ONLY PERSON HE KNOWS
AT PAC IS RESEARCH ~~CONF~~ DIRECTOR PALMAR WEBER IN NEW YORK. HE INDICATED
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Title N. GREGORY SILVERMASTER			Character of Case ESPIONAGE - R ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

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[REDACTED] was formerly prominent surgeon in Warsaw, Poland, and [REDACTED]

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REPORT MADE AT Pittsburgh, Pa.	DATE WHEN MADE 4/26/46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/24/46	REPORT MADE BY PAUL A. TURNER (A)
TITLE "GREGORY"			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R (Refer 5-1S)
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: HELEN B. TENNEY has checking account at Mellon National Bank, Pgh., Pa. No unusual activity noted therein.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-- RUC --</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3042 PWS/AB 1/25/88 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 3/27/83 BY SP-7 MAC/STP 5/13/86 SP-7 MAC/STP # 254,269</p> <p>Reference: Letter from Washington to Pittsburgh, 4/11/46.</p> <p>Details: Confidential Informant T-1 advised as follows:</p> <p>A checking account in the name of HELEN B. TENNEY was opened at the Mellon National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa. in 1926, at which time HELEN TENNEY was a student at Carnegie Tech.</p> <p>An analysis of the Customer Ledger Sheets maintained by the bank relative to this account reflects that deposits of \$110.72 are regularly received, the balance varies from approximately \$200.00 to approximately \$400.00, and only small checks averaging less than \$25.00 each have been charged thereto.</p> <p>During the past three years no unusual deposits or withdrawals were noted. Checks are returned to the customers monthly. However, two small checks were available relative to this account, one of which was payable to the Red Cross and the other payable to the local telephone company of Washington, D.C.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -</p>			
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LEARNED JOSEPH AND ROSE GREGG, PRESENTLY OUT OF THE CITY

WILL RETURN TO WASHINGTON ON MONDAY. ACCORDING TO

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE IRVING KAPLAN AND WIFE DOROTHY LEFT WASHINGTON, DC.,

AT TWO THIRTY PM. ON APRIL TWENTYSIX BY AUTOMOBILE TO DRIVE TO

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, TO VISIT BEATRICE NORMAN. IT WAS LEARNED FROM

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE THAT ONE ELAINE COCHRAN CONTACTED BEATTIE MAGDOFF

AND ADVISED SHE WANTED TO GET BEATTIE'S REACTION ON PRESSURING SENATORS

GLASS AND BYRD ON THE OPA PROBLEM. MAGDOFF STATED QUOTE GLASS

IS O. K., A GOOD GUY, WHOSE VOTE IS USUALLY PROPER UNQUOTE, AND

ADVISED AGAINST ANY PRESSURE BY THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE, BUT AS FOR BYRD

MAGDOFF THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO KEEP THE MEMBERS OF THE

LEAGUE BESIEGING HIS OFFICE AT FIVE MINUTE INTERVALS ON THURSDAY.

ACCORDING TO BEATTIE MAGDOFF THIS FIVE MINUTE CAMPAIGN WAS SUGGESTED

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IT WAS LEARNED THROUGH A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE THAT

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GEORGE SILVERMAN ACCOMPAINED BY CHRISTOPHER WAGNER LEFT WASHINGTON, D. C., AT NINE THIRTY AM. APRIL TWENTYSIX ON FLIGHT NUMBER THREE TEN, AMERICAN AIRLINES, BOUND FOR NEW YORK CITY. SILVERMAN AND WAGNER WERE COVERED BY PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE AND NEW YORK WAS TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT SILVERMAN AND WAGNER WERE ENROUTE WITH A REQUEST THAT A PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE BE PLACED ON THEM UPON THEIR ARRIVAL AT NEW YORK. ACCORDING TO A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMANN WAS CONTACTED BY FRANK COE OF TREASURY DEPARTMENT RELATIVE TO INVITATIONS TO BE EXTENDED TO INDIVIDUALS TO A PARTY WHICH IS TO TAKE PLACE AT THE STATLER HOTEL. IT IS BELIEVED THIS PARTY IS A TESTIMONIAL DINNER TO BE GIVEN TO HARRY DEXTER WHITE. THE ABOVE SOURCE INDICATED INVITATIONS WERE EXTENDED TO MEMBERS OF THE SECRETARY'S STAFF AND THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS THE HEADS OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT BUREAUS. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE MENTIONED, FOLEY, PHONETIC, AND BARTELL, PHONETIC, HEAD OF THE MINT AND OF CUSTOMS, FALL, PHONETIC, HEAD OF

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

May 2, 1946

John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

I would appreciate being advised whether there is any action to be taken upon the request recently made by Senator McKellar of you for information contained in the Bureau files relative to Leo Pasvolsky, Gustavo Duran and Alger Hiss of the State Department. Your attention is invited to my memorandum of April 25, upon this matter.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK**

FILE NO. **65-1998 FLA**

REPORT MADE AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 4/26/46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/22/46	REPORT MADE BY L. STANLEY KEMP
TITLE NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was. ET AL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

GEORGE N. PERAZICH received U.S. citizenship on 9/3/42 in Buffalo, N.Y. Records of Clerk's Office, U.S.D.C., Buffalo, N. Y., reflect PERAZICH entered U.S. at Brownsville, Texas, 2/26/41 for permanent residence. His wife AMELIA was born in Iona, Cal., 5/15/12 and is a citizen of U.S. by birth. GEORGE N. PERAZICH was born 4/20/05 in Rezovich, Petrovac, Yugoslavia. Criminal record of PERAZICH negative at Buffalo, N. Y.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from Washington Field Division to Buffalo Field Division dated April 12, 1946.

Report of Special Agent CHARLES J. HARKINS dated December 14, 1945 at Buffalo.

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Referenced letter requested that the records of the U.S. District Court at Buffalo be checked to determine whether subject GEORGE N. PERAZICH was naturalized in that Court on September 3, 1942. Referenced letter also requested that PERAZICH'S criminal record and his Selective Service record with Local Board No. 612, Buffalo, be checked for complete background information.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE COPIES OF THIS REPORT 5 - Bureau 2 - New York 2 - Washington (100-17493) 2 - Buffalo <i>[Signature]</i>	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">65-56402-964</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">RECORDED</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">INDEXED</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">EX - 61</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">MAY 2 1946</div> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.5em;">File 5</div>
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GEORGE N. PERAZICH, according to the records of the Clerk of the U.S. District Court at Buffalo, as exhibited by the Clerk, MARGARET MESMER, obtained United States citizenship at Buffalo, New York on September 3, 1942. He holds Certificate of Naturalization Number 5540089 and Petition Number 40356. MARGARET MESMER informed that PERAZICH filed this Petition for Citizenship as being the husband of a citizen, AMELIA IVANKOVICH PERAZICH.

According to the records, GEORGE PERAZICH at the time he received United States citizenship in Buffalo had the address 273 North Drive and his occupation was that of research engineer. The records reflected that he was born April 20, 1905 in Rezovichi, Petrovac, Yugoslavia. The records revealed that he made lawful entry for permanent residence in the United States at Brownsville, Texas under the name of GEORGE PERAZICH on February 26, 1941. In his Petition PERAZICH stated that he had resided continuously in the United States since February 26, 1941.

According to the records AMELIA IVANKOVICH PERAZICH was born May 15, 1912 in Iona, Amador, California and married GEORGE PERAZICH on October 19, 1933 in San Francisco, California. The records reflected that they had one child born March 20, 1941 in Buffalo named JOHN PERAZICH.

GEORGE PERAZICH'S last place of foreign residence was given as Metamoras, Mexico. Witnesses to PERAZICH'S Petition were HUGH C. YOUNG and EVELYN B. YOUNG of 273 North Drive, Buffalo, New York.

There was no criminal record for GEORGE N. PERAZICH in the files of the Identification Division of the Buffalo Police Department, according to Officer J. T. McCARTHY.

Regarding the request that PERAZICH'S Selective Service record with Local Board No. 612, Buffalo, be checked for complete background information, this information is contained in referenced report of Special Agent CHARLES J. HARKINS dated December 12, 1945 at Buffalo.

Copies of instant report are being furnished to the Washington Field Division, inasmuch as the above investigation was conducted at the request of that Office.

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Director, FBI

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The investigating officer advised that there appears to be no doubt that

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The above is being submitted for the information of the New York and
Washington Field Divisions.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

Secret

DATE: April 30, 1946

FROM : Mr. J. C. Strickland

TIME OF CALL: 9:15 AM

SUBJECT: ① GREGORY
(Joseph Gregg)

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Mr. Nease	
Miss Beane	
Miss Gandy	

At the above time, Special Agent Edward W. Dooley of the New York Office called regarding Gregg's trip across New York State and the surveillance being conducted of him. He advised that Gregg spent last night (the night of April 29th) at Seneca Falls, New York, approximately 85 miles from the Canadian border and appeared to be heading in the direction of Canada. Mr. Dooley advised that pursuant to the request of the New York Office and the Bureau approval secured on the evening of April 29, 1946, the Buffalo Office

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Mr. Dooley stated that if any further information is received regarding Gregg's entering Canada, it will immediately be called to the Bureau's attention.

ACTION:

The above is submitted for your information and for record purposes.

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INFORMANT ADVISED FATHER OF SUBJECT EDWARD FITZGERALD ILL IN NEW YORK CITY.
FITZGERALD ENDEAVORED OBTAIN TRANSPORTATION EASTERN AIRLINES FOR THAT
EVENING. PRESUMABLY FITZGERALD WENT TO NEW YORK. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE
INDICATES ALL DAY CONFERENCE PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED BY HALPERIN SCHEDULED
APRIL TWENTYSEVEN WAS THAT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES RESEARCH ~~COUNCIL~~ COUNCIL.
HALPERIN INDICATED HE DISCUSSED ~~PROCEEDINGS~~ PROCEEDINGS AT LENGTH WITH
BOB HALL, PHONETIC. INFORMANT ALSO REPORTED LENGTHY CONVERSATION
BETWEEN HALPERIN AND DR. LELAND ON THIS MATTER. ON APRIL TWENTYSIX
SOURCE ADVISED HALPERIN TOLD BOB ROGERS THAT BYE, SATURDAY EVENING POST,
HAD WRITTEN HE WANTED ARTICLE TO BE THIRTYFIVE HUNDRED WORDS. HALPERIN
ALSO STATED HIS BROTHER TED WAS ARRIVING TO STAY WITH HALPERINS. ON
SAME DATE HALPERIN ENGAGED IN LENGTHY CONVERSATION WITH WOODROW BORAH
REQUESTING CONSIDERABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING SOUTH AMERICAN NEWS-
PAPERS AND ~~RECENT~~ POLITICAL PARTIES, PARTICULARLY CP, WHICH BORAH
FURNISHED TO HIM IN LATER CONVERSATION. ON APRIL TWENTYSEVEN
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED DOROTHY KAPLAN CONTACTED MRS. GOULD, PHONETIC
HANTIE, N. C., RESERVING TWO ROOMS NEXT FRIDAY FOR KAPLAN, HERSELF,
AND FRIEND. SHE STATED SHE WAS FRIEND OF MR. HAMLIN.

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A.M. THIS DATE BEATTIE MAGDOFF DEPARTED WASHINGTON VIA ~~THE~~ TWA AIRLINES ARRIVING ~~WASH~~ KANSAS CITY FOUR FIFTYFIVE P. M. KANSAS CITY WAS FURNISHED ITINERARY AND DESCRIPTION AND REQUESTED SPOT CHECK HER ACTIVITIES. ON APRIL TWENTYSIX CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ADVISED SUBJECT ROBERT TALBOTT MILLER CONTACTED BY PARENTS WHO INDICATED THEY ARE ~~STAYING~~ STAYING AT APARTMENT OF DR. SMITH IN BALTIMORE WHERE THEY ARRIVED NIGHT APRIL TWENTYFIVE. AT NINE P. M. ON APRIL TWENTYSIX MILLER WAS CONTACTED BY UNIDENTIFIED MAN WHO STATED HE WOULD SEE HIM EIGHT A.M. FOLLOWING MORNING. PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE DISCLOSED MILLER LEFT HOME SEVEN FIFTY A.M. SATURDAY MORNING AND PROCEEDED TO RESIDENCE DR. ROBERT MORSE, THREE ONE NAUGHT SIX N STREET, N.W., WHERE HE REMAINED ONE HOUR. THIS IS ANOTHER IN SERIES OF UNEXPLAINED VISITS BY MILLER TO THIS PHYSICIAN WHO APPARENTLY IS RUSSIAN ALIENIST. ON AFTERNOON APRIL TWENTYEIGHT CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED MILLER CONTACTED ~~WIFE~~ WIFE INDICATING IF HE WERE NOT COMING HOME HE WOULD CALL HER. HIS WIFE INQUIRED WHETHER HE MEANT TUESDAY AND HE STATED YES, IF THERE WERE ANY DEVELOPMENTS HE WOULD CALL TOMORROW. OTHERWISE SHE WOULD NOT EXPECT HIM UNTIL TUESDAY NIGHT. HOWEVER INQUIRY THIS DATE DISCLOSED MILLER AT WORK AT STATE DEPARTMENT DUTIES IN GERMAN EMBASSY AS USUAL. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED ONE RAYMOND CONTACTED VICTOR PERLO ON APRIL TWENTYEIGHT WHO ADVISED HE WAS GOING TO BALTIMORE FOLLOWING DAY TO VISIT SISTER WHO JUST HAD BABY. HE REFERRED TO IT AS BRISK AFFAIR. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ~~ADVISED~~ ADVISED ON APRIL TWENTYSIX

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ERNA ~~ROSENBERG~~ AND EMILY ~~SHARFMAN~~ ENGAGED IN LONG CONVERSATION. ERNA INDICATED SHE AND ALLAN ATTENDED MEETING TO RAISE MONEY PREVIOUS EVENING ON INVITATION FROM WINIFRED ~~HANDLER~~ AT WHICH NINETEEN OR TWENTY WERE PRESENT AND ALLAN PLEDGED TWENTYFIVE DOLLARS AND OFFERED HOME FOR PARTY. SHE STATED DON ~~BEECHER~~ AND A NEGRO BELFORD ~~LAWSO~~ SPOKE, ALSO SAMUEL ~~RODMAN~~ WHO IS HEADING METROPOLITAN BROADCASTING THING. ERNA STATED ONLY PERSON SHE KNEW PRESENT WAS ANN ~~VITLER~~, PHONETIC APPARENTLY ABOVE MEETING WAS COMMUNIST PARTY MEETING TO RAISE FUNDS AS ACTIVITY IN LINE WITH LOCAL PARTY DRIVE FOR FUNDS AND RODMAN KNOWN PARTY MEMBER. ERNA ALSO MENTIONED NUMBER OF OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHOSE NAMES APPEAR IN THE CASE. SHE STATED ALLAN WANTED TO HAVE GENE AND SYLVIA ~~GOTTON~~ OVER SAME NIGHT AS MORSES, POSSIBLY REFERRING TO DR. ROBERT MORSE MENTIONED ABOVE. ON NIGHT APRIL TWENTYEIGHT CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED HELEN ~~SILVERMASTER~~ CONTACTED MARY JANE ~~KEENEY~~ ADVISING SHE HAD RETURNED FROM CHAPEL HILL ~~AND~~ AND HER SON ANATOL CAME WITH HER. SHE INDICATED CAR SKIDDER AND LANDED IN PLOWED FIELD. HELEN INJURING HER LEG.

OBVIOUSLY KEENEY DID NOT GO TO CHAPEL HILL. ON APRIL TWENTYSEVEN CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED ULLMANN WAS CONTACTED BY JOHN ~~BIERKES~~ AND ULLMANN ADVISED BIERKES THAT SILVERMASTER HAD GONE OUT TO DINNER. BIERKES TOLD ULLMANN HE WOULD VISIT HIM SUNDAY MORNING. TODAY'S COLUMN BY DANTON ~~WALKER~~ ENTITLED BROADWAY

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CONTAINS SQUIB TO EFFECT THAT LA GUARDIA-S CHOICE TO SUCCEED ROY HEND-
RICKSON IN NUMBER ~~XXXX~~ TWO POSITION ~~XXXXXX~~ UNRRA WOULD BE DAVE WEIN-
TRAUB WHO IS CONTACT OF SEVERAL SUBJECTS AND WAS FORMERLY MAGDOFF-S
SUPERIOR, WPA RESEARCH PROJECT IN PHILADELPHIA PRIOR NINETEEN FORTY.
AT FOUR FIFTEEN P. M. THIS DATE ROSE GREGG CONTACTED ONE RUTH ADVISING
SHE JUST ARRIVED FROM NEW YORK VISITING JOE-S RELATIVES. NO MENTION
MADE OF SUBJECT GREGG. *QW*

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cc Mr. Jones

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N. GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was, et al

Espionage - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[Redacted]
[Redacted] Paid newspaper publicity stated that ZAYDMAN arrived in Rio de Janeiro to establish a branch of his perfume company, PERFUMARIAS RETY MONTECARIO, S.A. [Redacted]
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REFERENCE: Cable from Montevideo to Rio dated January 15, 1946
Cable from Rio to Montevideo dated January 21, 1946

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On January 13, 1946, the "Correio da Manhã," a local daily newspaper, carried a paid advertisement showing a picture of ADAM ZAYDMAN debarking from a Panair plane at the Santos Dumont Airport. This article stated that ZAYDMAN, President of the Perfumarias Rety Montecarlo, S.A., accompanied by his business associates were arriving in Rio de Janeiro in order to install an affiliate of their perfume company in Rio de Janeiro. S X 4

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ENCLOSURES

To the Bureau: 3 copies of photograph of ADAM ZAYDMAN arriving
at Rio Airport. 8 54
To Montevideo: 2 copies of photograph of ADAM ZAYDMAN arriving
at Rio Airport. 8 34

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IDENTIFICATION OF SOURCES

The Sources referred to in the report of Special Agent 855, dated at Rio de Janeiro, April 10, 1946, entitled "N. GREGORY SILVERMASTER: Espionage - R," are identified as follows:

Source C	[REDACTED]	S b1 (s)
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E	[REDACTED]	

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CHEGO AO RIO

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A gravura mostra o momento em que o Snr. Adam Zaydman e seus colaboradores desembarcavam do avião da Panair, provenientes de Montevideu.

Constituiu verdadeira associação de enorme repercussão em meios locais, social e industrial, a chegada nesta Capital, pelo avião da Panair de Sr. Adam Zaydman, presidente das Perfumarias Nety Montecarlo S/A, acompanhado dos seus colaboradores, a fim de instalar aqui, uma sucursal das perfumarias Nety Montecarlo, que conta com sucursais em Montevideu e Buenos Aires, representantes nas cidades prin-

cipais da America do Sul, Norte e Central, tendo a sua matriz em Monaca, na França.

O sr. Adam Zaydman, que já esteve em posse pelas varias vezes, depois de inspecionar todos os representantes das fabricas de perfumes Nety Montecarlo, voltou a este pais, para organizar os preparativos da instalação da fabrica e escritorios da sucursal nesta capital.

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Dear Sir:

Re: N. GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was, et al
- Espionage - R

Reference is made to the report of 855, dated April 10, 1946, bearing the above-captioned title. *fu*

For the information of the Bureau, this report was in the process of being typed when Bureau cables 539 and 558 were received by this office. Therefore, no reference was made to these cables which set forth further leads for the Rio Office. *u*

The Rio Office respectfully desires to be advised which office has been designated office of origin for the instant case. Inasmuch as Rio had received the original lead from Montevideo, that office was assumed to be the office of origin in the report of 855. *fu*

*Rio, B.A. Santiago
& Montevideo have
been advised B.A.
is origin B*

Very truly yours,

Heber M. Clegg
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Reference is made to your letter dated March 22, 1946, pointing out in detail the existing situation in Washington on behalf of known and suspected Soviet espionage agents and Communist Party members employed in and operating out of the United States Government offices.

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The Washington Field Office should likewise advise the Bureau of [REDACTED]

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Montevideo, Uruguay, cable dated April 17, 1946 in which Montevideo referred upon completion this case to office of origin which is Buenos Aires.

Your attention is called to Buenos Aires cable dated April 10, 1946 in the above-captioned case.

Montevideo radiogram dated March 27, 1946. It is requested that prior to Montevideo referring upon completion this case, that this lead be covered.

Information has been received that Subject URSULA IRENE WASSERMAN intends to travel to Montevideo by air over the Holy weekend or the weekend thereafter. This office will endeavor to ascertain further information concerning travel plans of Subject WASSERMAN and will advise the Montevideo office.

Should it become necessary that the Buenos Aires office communicate with the Montevideo office

Enclosed for your information and assistance is a copy of a photograph of Subject URSULA IRENE WASSERMAN.

Very truly yours, &

JAMES P. McMAHON,
Legal Attache.

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United States Department of Justice
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April 4, 1946

Director, FBI

Re: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was., et al
ESPIONAGE - R
(JULES KORCHIEN)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Edward W. Dooley of the above captioned case, dated March 22, 1946, at New York, New York, wherein it was stated [REDACTED]

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The Washington Field Division is being requested to [REDACTED]

The Washington Field Division is being furnished with [REDACTED] C b1

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
E. E. CONROY
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

CHRIS VUKOVICH, a small citrus rancher at Orosi, California, believed to be cousin of Mrs. MARIO RADICH. No political activities known.

GEORGE L. FRANCHEVICH, a Yugoslavian born U. S. citizen, residing in San Pedro, California, is a former tavern owner, presently a bartender, who came from Arizona three years ago. No political activity noted.

ARIKOLD EDELHAIM and wife HELEN came to U. S. in 1941 as refugees. Stayed three years in Kilee, Ohio, and have resided in Los Angeles area since February, 1945. EDELHAIMS are Polish Jews operating a dress shop in Beverly Hills, California. Results of mail cover of EDITH MORRIS AGENCY.

JOHN WEBER is a Hollywood Communist employed by MORRIS AGENCY as story agent since December, 1944. formerly employed in studios.

business for various individuals who are involved in investigations conducted by this office. Also information obtained regarding LUCILLE ELFEISEIN.

ALBRICE has been employed at Columbia Studios as sound effects cutter. Description set out. E. MOON, 128 East Anaheim, Wilmington, may be identical with PAULINE MOON, 128 East Anaheim, Wilmington, who is said to be Russian wife of HUGO MOON, Swiss born hotel manager. HUGO MOON was formerly in Manchuria as manager of The Siberia Company until eight years ago, then went to Shanghai until war began and then to Mexico until a year ago. M. DUBOIS and a Mrs. S. SCHUCHTER reside at 137 Wilcox Street, Apartment 15, Los Angeles, California. Telephone number Mutual 0601 listed to Belmont Arms Apartments at the same address.

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 at Los Angeles, February 8, 1946;
 Washington Field letter March 12, 1946;
 Washington Field letter to San Francisco March 12, 1946;
 New York City letters dated March 13 and March 20, 1946;
 Bureau letter to New York City March 25, 1946.

DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent
 ERLING H. KLOSTER at Crosi, California:

Constable JOHN SHADDEN and Mrs. E. D. MONCRIEF, Assistant
 Manager, First National Bank of Crosi, were both found to be acquainted
 with CHRIS VUKOVICH. Both furnished substantially the same information
 concerning him which is as follows:

VUKOVICH is the owner of a small orange ranch three miles east
 and one-half mile south of Crosi. He has lived in the area for a number
 of years and has the reputation of being a reliable citizen. He is
 unmarried and lives as a bachelor on his ranch property. He is either a
 Slovene or a Czech by nationality, but it was not known whether he is of
 native or foreign birth. Both Constable SHADDEN and the Bank have had
 business dealings with VUKOVICH and have a high regard for him. He is
 believed to be a cousin of Mrs. LARIC RADICH of Dinuba and Sultana. No
 details were known concerning the RADICH family other than that they owned
 the ranch on which they are living and have a good reputation in the
 community. VUKOVICH was stated to be about fifty-five years of age, while
 Mr. and Mrs. RADICH are both over 60.

VUKOVICH has carried a commercial account with the First
 National Bank of Crosi for a number of years. Its normal balance is
 in the low four figures and its activity is normal. No outside business
 interests on the part of VUKOVICH have been noted other than that he
 has financed several Filipino farmers occasionally. He is presently
 receiving forty dollars a month from relatives to whom he made a loan,
 the names of whom were not known. He has bought War Bonds regularly.
 VUKOVICH has a safety deposit box in the Crosi Bank but seldom uses it.

VUKOVICH is not known to have engaged in political activities
 of any sort nor is he known in his home community to be closely affiliated
 with any political group.

The following investigation was conducted by the
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AT SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA:**CONFIDENTIAL**GEORGE L. FRANICHEVICH

A search of the San Pedro directory, 1946 edition, reflects that FRANICHEVICH resides at 969 West Ninth Street. No occupation is given for this individual who rents his home. A spot check of these premises reflected the address is a bungalow court. In front of the court was FRANICHEVICH's car, a Buick, bearing California license 60-T-673. This was the same car in which individuals presumed to be FRANICHEVICH and his wife attended the farewell of GEORGE N. PERAZICH at Fresno, California, on January 14, 1946. Usually reliable sources in San Pedro and Wilmington were checked for information regarding FRANICHEVICH with negative results.

The records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association, Los Angeles, were also negatively checked.

Mr. H. I. OLIVER, manager, Credit and Adjustment Bureau, 1008 South Pacific Avenue, checked his records and made available information regarding FRANICHEVICH. These files showed an entry on December 21, 1943, of a notice of application for permit to conduct a public dance hall cafe at 209 West Sixth Street, San Pedro, in the name of GEORGE L. FRANICHEVICH and MARKO M. FRANKOVICH with "intention to sell alcoholic beverages".

The next entry on this file was September 12, 1944, at which time FRANICHEVICH sold his half interest in the Waldorf Inn, 209 West Sixth Street, to MARKO FRANKOVICH under bank of America's Tenth and Pacific Branch escrow number 25-4957. The last entry on this file reflected FRANICHEVICH is presently employed at the Alaska Inn, residing at 969 West Ninth Street.

The records of the Captain of the Port, Wilmington, were checked for a harbor pass for FRANICHEVICH with negative results. The records of the Los Angeles Police Department, San Pedro Division, were checked negatively and Captain H. L. EVANS and Detective TIM HARGET were interviewed for information regarding FRANICHEVICH with negative results.

The files of the Sheriff's Office, Los Angeles, were checked also with negative results. However, a card on file at the Los Angeles Police Department, Central Division, reflected GEORGE L. FRANICHEVICH, 969 West Ninth Street, San Pedro, made application for a license to operate a public dance hall and cafe on December 16, 1943. This card reflects that FRANICHEVICH was born in Petrovac, Yugoslavia. His nationality was given as American.

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EARL H. LAMB, JR., Manager, Associated Credit Bureau, 410 West Sixth Street, checked his records with negative results; however, these records reflected that one GEORGE FRANICHEVICH in February, 1938, succeeded JOHN MIRKOVICH as manager of the Fishermen's Cooperative Association. Further investigation disclosed, however, that this FRANICHEVICH is probably not identical with GEORGE L. FRANICHEVICH.

The gas turn-on records of Southern Counties Gas Company, San Pedro, were checked by O. R. C. GRI who advised that the order turning on service for FRANICHEVICH at 969 West Ninth Street, was effective October 1, 1943. No previous address and no references were shown on the application for service.

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The following description of GEORGE L. FRANICHEVICH was obtained from the records of the Los Angeles Police Department:

Age	48
Birthday	April 29, 1898
Birthplace	Petrovac, Yugoslavia
Height	5' 7 1/2"
Weight	160
Build	Slender
Complexion	Dark
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Dark
Teeth	Good
Scars	None
Other	None

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Male
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CONFIDENTIALAT BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA:ARNOLD ENDELMAN

It was ascertained that ARNOLD and BRUCE ENDELMAN reside at 470 South Almont Drive, which property they purchased in July, 1945. The application for gas service was checked by Mr. WILLIAM McKEE, Southern California Gas Company, which reflects that the service was commenced on July 5, 1945, giving a mailing address for bills, 416 North Beverly Drive, which is the business address of this family. The account was in the name of ARNOLD ENDELMAN who was listed as the owner of the property. Previous address was stated to be "out of city" and no other information was shown.

The records of the Tax Assessor's Office, Los Angeles County, were checked at the Hall of Justice Building, Los Angeles, with negative results except that the previous owners were shown as ALEXANDER A. and VERA TORREN, 470 South Almont Drive.

[Source 2] advised that a check of his records reflected that the ENDELMANS formerly resided in Niles, Ohio, and carried a joint bank account at the Security First National Bank, Beverly Hills, which was opened June 18, 1945. This account was described as a "moderate four figure account" while another account in the name of BRUCE ENDELMAN was described as having a "small four figure account".

On July 1, 1945, the ENDELMANS were residing at the Georgian Hotel, Santa Monica, California, and stated they had just purchased the property at 470 South Almont and had been operating BRUCE'S DRESS SHOP, 416 North Beverly Drive, for approximately three weeks. This source stated that the ENDELMANS have been in Niles, Ohio, for three years operating a Bruce's Dress Shop there. This source stated that the ENDELMAN came to the United States as refugees in 1941 and he did not know whether they were naturalized. He stated that he had heard they had become United States citizens. He further advised that their business reputation is good and that they were considered successful merchants, having a net worth of approximately \$10,000 and a net income of \$8,000 to \$10,000.

[Source 2] further advised that the ENDELMANS are approximately sixty-five years of age and have one daughter living at home, age twenty-six. He said the family is Hebrew and that their associates are also of the Hebrew race.

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This source also stated that they were fairly well known in Niles, Ohio, from their three-year residence in that city.

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[Source 4] advised that ARNOLD ENDELLMAN was born in Warsaw, Poland, and that his mother's maiden name was RABINOVITZ. He stated that ENDELLMAN had advised he was operating under general license number 42 which was not blocked. Whether this referred to an export business, informant did not know.

This source further stated, however, that ENDELLMAN had opened an account with the Security First National Bank in Santa Monica on February 2, 1945, having previously had a checking account in Niles, Ohio, with the Niles Bank Company, which he used as a business reference.

[Source 3] also advised the Agent that ARNOLD ENDELLMAN and his wife, BRUCE, had purchased a dress shop which they operated under the firm name of Bruce's Dress Shop from HARRY FINER, 460 South Spalding Drive, on June 23, 1945, through IRVING I. TURNER at 909 South Los Angeles Street, who does business under Business Opportunities License Number 264, for a consideration of \$8,000 cash plus a \$4,200 mortgage.

The records of the Better Business Bureau, 742 South Hill Street, Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., Retail Merchants Credit Association, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles Sheriff's Office and Immigration and Naturalization Service were all checked for the names of ARNOLD and BRUCE ENDELLMAN with negative results.

B. J. FIRMINGER, City Clerk, Beverly Hills, advised that under a new city ordinance, all businesses in Beverly Hills must be licensed. He stated that the license for Bruce's Dress Shop reflected gross sales for 1945 of \$18,000, showing ARNOLD ENDELLMAN as owner. Inspector Flynn advised that he did not know the exact date Bruce's Dress Shop opened but stated that it was since February, 1945, because Benson's Dress Shop was located at 416 North Beverly Drive at that time.

Mrs. Scott, of the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce, checked her records for information regarding Bruce's Dress Shop or its owners with negative results.

A spot check of the premises of 470 South Almont Drive showed that a 1941 Nash coupe was parked in front bearing 1945 Pennsylvania license number H 6556.

By letter dated March 11, 1946, to the Pennsylvania Bureau of Motor Vehicles, information regarding the registration on this car was requested.

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On another occasion, a spot check reflected the presence in front of the house at 470 South Almont Drive of a 1941 Chevrolet coupe bearing California license 3 W 443 as well as a registered nurse's tag. This vehicle is registered to BETTY B. SLITH, 263 South Bentley Avenue, Los Angeles.

The name of BETTY SLITH was checked through the California State Registered Nurses Examining Board and the files of the Los Angeles County Health Department with negative results. The files of the Registrar of Voters, 808 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, were also checked for information regarding BETTY SLITH or the ENDELMANS with negative results.

By letter dated March 24, 1946, from the Bureau, a mail cover was authorized and placed upon the ENDELMANS at 216 North Beverly Drive, and 470 South Almont Drive, by letter from Los Angeles dated March 26, 1946. The results of this cover to date are set out below:

Postmark	Return address	Addressee
March 25, 1946 New York City	Suite 818, 45 East 17th Street New York 3, New York	ARNOLD ENDELMAN
March 28, 1946 Hiles, Ohio	HELEN DAVIS, 829 Warren Avenue Hiles, Ohio	Mr. and Mrs. ENDELMAN
March 29, 1946 Cannes, France (airmail)	No return address	ARNOLD ENDELMAN
March 30, 1946 New York (airmail)	ALEXIS GOLDENWEISER 323 West 112 Street New York 25, New York	ARNOLD ENDELMAN
March 31, 1946 New York (airmail)	L. N. DEILAN, 49 West 83rd Street New York 24, New York	Mr. A. ENDELMAN

No leads are being set out for the New York City Field Division on the basis of the above information, this being left to the discretion of the New York City Office.

Source advised that Mr. A. ENDELMAN, Avenida Copalobana 945, Apartment 715, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, was the recipient of a letter dated October 6, 1944, written by SACUL, which name is similar to SAUL KURIE, a name which figures in the Vera Taylor case.

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This source further advised that a letter written March 2, 1942, was sent by M. ENDELLIAN, 51 West 81st Street, New York, to Mr. A. ENDELLIAN, in care of M. SZTERN and FILHO, Rua Buenos Aires, 104 S, 45, Rio de Janeiro.

Inasmuch as investigation at Los Angeles points to the fact that ARNOLD ENDELLIAN was residing at Miles, Ohio, during this period, it is not felt that he is identical with the individual in Rio de Janeiro, to whom this letter was addressed.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

~~JOHN WEBER, aka~~
~~Isidore Weinstein,~~
~~Jonny Weber~~

In accordance with the request contained in the referenced letter from New York city dated March 13, 1946, efforts were made to identify JOHN WEBER who was the recipient of a telegram from Dr. ABRAHAM B. WEINSTEIN, New York dentist. Efforts were first made to locate the communication on which this telegram may have been based. (S) 4

Source 724

The records of the Southern California Gas Company were checked by [redacted] for information contained on the gas service application. This application showed service in the name of Mrs. RUTH WEBER, 919 1/2 North LaJolla, beginning December, 1939, showing JOHN WEBER, writer, as reference, and reflecting a former address of 4829 Lemon Grove Avenue. Mr. LOCKE stated that service had been continuous since that date at WEBER's address. b7D

The records of the Registrar of Voters, 808 North Spring Street, reflected that JOHN WEBER was born in New York and registered May, 1944, giving his occupation as story editor.

Source 724 advised that JOHN WEBER was born April 5, 1910, at New York City, as ISIDORE WEINSTEIN and was married June 27, 1938, at New York City to his present wife, RUTH. This source indicated that WEBER was educated at the College of the City of New York for one year and one-half, Columbia University for one-half year, extension division. Source 724 further stated that WEBER had been employed by RKO and Paramount Studios as reader and assistant story editor before he went into the Army, stating he was inducted April, 1943, and assigned Army Serial Number 39571435, and was discharged November, 1944.

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This source also advised that he went on a trip to New York from February 6 to February 28, 1943.

Source 2³⁴ was unable to furnish any information regarding JOHN WEBER.

Source 8³⁴ advised Special Agent LESLIE F. WARREN that WEBER had been employed as a reader in the Story Department at RKO Studios from April, 1941, to August, 1941, when he resigned to take a position with Paramount Studios for more money. This source stated that WEBER had been in California about one year at the time he first went to work at RKO.

Source 9³⁴ advised Special Agent WARREN that he knew JOHN WEBER personally while he was employed at RKO and considered him of good moral character but did not know anything about his political beliefs as he was a reserved person who was quiet and did not comment on many things openly. This source stated that WEBER contracted a skin infection while in the Army which necessitated hospitalization in Pasadena, California, for several months prior to discharge from the Army.

Source 9³⁴ stated that he has heard WEBER is now employed by the William Morris Agency in Beverly Hills selling stories to motion picture studios.

Special Agent ELIOTT McGAUGHEY received the following information from Source 10³⁴: WEBER was employed at Paramount Studios as a reader from August, 1941, to April, 1943, at which time he went into the Army. This source stated that WEBER did not return to Paramount following his discharge from the Army October, 1944, and that he was last heard of at the William Morris Agency, Beverly Hills.

Source 10³⁴ was unable to furnish any information regarding any clubs or organizations of which WEBER might be a member or regarding his political beliefs or activities.

The records of the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles Sheriff's Office were checked for the name of WEBER with negative results.

A spot check of the premises at 919 1/2 North LaJolla Avenue, disclosed that this address is a garage apartment in the rear of a double bungalow. A 1935 Ford two-door sedan was parked on the street in front of 919. This car bore California license plate 14 H 771 which is registered to JOHN WEBER, 919 1/2 North LaJolla Avenue. Further spot checks of this address were negative.

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Source 11 reflected that [REDACTED] b7D

Source 12 advised that [REDACTED] b1

Source 12 stated further that [REDACTED] b7D

Source 13 advised that WEBER in his capacity with the William Morris Agency is the story agent for VLADIMIR POZNER, the subject of a current Internal Security-R case in Los Angeles and whose name is also mentioned in the Comrap investigation. WEBER handled the transaction for the sale of a story by POZNER to a French motion picture studio. This sale was for a book entitled, "Les Femmes du Pays". WEBER is also handling stories for JOSEPH LUSK and BERTOLD WINTER, subjects of current Internal Security - R investigations in the Los Angeles Field Division. *qu*

Regarding his employment with the William Morris Agency, the December 18, 1944, issue of "Variety", a Hollywood film newspaper, stated that JOHN WEBER had joined the William Morris Agency, Inc. on December 18, 1944, in the literary department to represent authors and the sale of their material. It should be noted that RUTH WEBER, the wife of JOHN WEBER, is active in the Russian American Club, which is also the subject of a current investigation in the Los Angeles Field Division.

Source 14 advised that [REDACTED] *qu* b7D

Source 11

The following description of JOHN WEBER was obtained from

Name
Birthdate
Nationality

JOHN WEBER, born as
ISIDORE WEINSTEIN
April 5, 1910
New York City

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Age	36
Height	5' 7 1/2"
Weight	150
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Complexion	Dark
Marital status	Married
Citizenship	United States
Race	Jewish
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]

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~~LUCILLE ELFENBEIN~~

Reference letter from New York dated March 13, 1946, requested that LUCILLE ELFENBEIN be identified. Search of the indices of the Los Angeles Field Division for the name of this individual was negative as was investigation in the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters, 808 North Spring Street, Retail Merchants Credit Association, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles Sheriff's Office and city and telephone directories.

Inasmuch as the reference letter from the Bureau to New York dated March 25, 1946, indicated that ELFENBEIN in 1942 was believed to be connected with the Larchmont Realty Board at Larchmont, New York, records of the Los Angeles office of the Real Estate Division, State of California, were checked by Mrs. HELEN LUCKS with negative results. Mrs. LUCKS advised that the records of her office reflected no real estate brokers or salesman's license having been issued to ELFENBEIN. However, she stated that her records were not complete and suggested the Agent contact the State Real Estate Commissioner, Sacramento, California. A letter is being sent to the State Real Estate Commissioner requesting a search of the files of the Real Estate Examining Board.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent
EILETT MC GAUGHEY:

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FAITH ELLIOTT is presently employed at Republic Studios in North Hollywood as a sound effects cutter and was employed from March, 1943, to May, 1944, at Columbia Studios and from June, 1944, to July, 1944, at International Pictures, Hollywood, California.

Prior to her arrival in Los Angeles, she was employed in New York by the New Theatre League from June, 1941, to June, 1942, and by the New Dance Group from June, 1942, to December, 1942. She received her education at Julia Richmond High School in New York. ELLIOTT presently resides at 12035 Querin Street, North Hollywood, and her former address was 1427 North Hayvenhurst.

The following investigation was conducted by the reporting Agent:

The files of the Retail Merchants Credit Association and the Retail Credit Company, Los Angeles, were checked with negative results as was the office of the Registrar of Voters, Los Angeles County, 808 North Spring Street.

WILLIAM LECHE, Southern California Gas Company, advised that a check of the records of the office reflected that service at 12035 Querin Street is in the name of GLEA I. SCHULTZ, who is listed as owner. LECHE advised that this account has remained unchanged since November, 1940. He stated that service at 1427 North Hayvenhurst Drive was in the name of DAN JAMES from October, 1940, to July, 1945.

A review of the material contained in the indices of the Los Angeles Field Division on this individual reflects other former addresses of FAITH ELLIOTT as being 1666 North Bronson, Hollywood, in July, 1944; 1286 Sunset Plaza Drive, February, 1944; 5939 Carlton Way, telephone Olympia 4747 in 1943; and 191 North Bentley Avenue, West Los Angeles, no date; and telephone number Hempstead 8397, no date.

Source 12 advised that

In January, 1944, a highly confidential source advised that ELLIOTT had written a letter in behalf of MORRIS U. SCHAPPEL which was a duplicate of an appeal suggested editorially by the Daily World in December, 1943.

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ELLIOTT has also been active in the activities of the Russian American Club in Los Angeles, a propaganda organization.

According to Source 15, the name of FAITH ELLIOTT and her address were listed in a personal address book of JORIS IVENS, who is the subject of a pending Internal Security - R case in the Los Angeles Office. *Qu*

Source 16 advised that the home of DAN JAMES, 1227 North Hayvenhurst, is one where Party branch meetings are frequently held. It should be noted that this address was the former residence of FAITH ELLIOTT. *phys*

Source 17 advised that FAITH ELLIOTT assisted in the collections at a rally to mark the tenth anniversary of diplomatic relations between the USSR and the United States of America. This rally was sponsored by the National Council of American Soviet Friendship, Inc., November 16, 1943. *Qu*

The following description of this individual is set out:

Name	FAITH ELLIOTT
Age	31
Birthdate	September 16, 1924
Nativity	New York City
Height	5' 5"
Weight	124
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Light
Build	Medium
Social Security No.	REDACTED
Father	Dr. I. CHESTMAN, 300 West 49th Street, New York City
Mother	SALLY I. CHESTMAN.

AT WILMINGTON, CALIFORNIA:

~~P. MOOD~~

A request was contained in referenced letter from Washington Field to San Francisco that discreet efforts be made to identify P. MOOD, 128 East Anaheim Street, Wilmington, California. The following investigation, which was conducted by the Agent to identify this individual, was based on the assumption that this name may be misspelled as well as the address. The closest spelling to Anaheim Street in Wilmington is Anaheim. The residents at 128 East Anaheim are listed in directories as HUGO R. and PAULINE MOOD.

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Information was furnished by LUDLOW SHONARD, JR. of the Southern Counties Gas Company that the gas service at 128 East Anaheim is in the name of H. R. WOOG, service having been connected June 1, 1945. The 1946 edition of the San Pedro-Wilmington city directory lists HUGO R. and PAULINE WOOG at 128 East Anaheim, giving HUGO WOOG's occupation as manager, Blackburn Hotel.

The files of the Retail Merchants Credit Association and Retail Credit Company, Los Angeles, were negative as were the records of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office, Los Angeles Police Department, and Wilmington Division of the Los Angeles Police Department.

The office of the Captain of the Port at Wilmington was also checked negatively as were the records of the Registrar of Voters, 808 North Spring Street, Los Angeles.

KARL M. GIBBS, Long Beach Credit Association, Kress Building, Long Beach, advised that the files of his office reflect that HUGO R. WOOG and his wife, PAULINE, leased the hotel at 128 Anaheim, Wilmington, in April, 1945, giving as a previous address for the last ten years, 309 Insurgentes, Mexico City. Also shown as a former address was Acapulco, Mexico. GIBBS stated that WOOG had given as a bank reference the Citizens National Bank, Wilmington, and stated that he was buying furniture for the hotel which had been leased from LEWIS TASEN.

Source 18 was checked with negative results. This source stated that information might be obtained at a later date.

Source 19 advised that HUGO R. WOOG was born in Switzerland on November 8, 1898, and that his mother's maiden name was BRAUNSCHWEIG. This source advised that he had no information regarding WOOG's wife and stated that they had a daughter, JACQUELINE. Source 19 also advised that WOOG had opened an account at the Citizens National Bank at Wilmington in June, 1945, giving as a bank reference, Banco Commerciale, Mexico City, and stated that WOOG was introduced by LEWIS TASEN, operator of an Army and Navy Store at 126 East Anaheim. This source also advised that WOOG's daughter, JACQUELINE, had been employed by the Citizens National Bank for a time.

Source 20 stated that WOOG had been with The Siberia Company in Manchuria as manager until eight years ago when the firm failed. He stated that this company was a soy bean producer and marketer. This informant advised that WEBER had then gone to Shanghai, China, and just before the war went to Mexico. The informant stated that he, himself, had been in the Far East for a number of years and had spoken with WOOG of China but WOOG froze up when the conversation turned to Mexico and

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would not speak of his sojourn in that city. This source stated that it was his understanding that WCOG's wife, PAULINE, was a White Russian whom WCOG had married in Manchuria. The possibility exists that PAULINE WCOG may be the individual identified by the referenced letter from Washington Field as P. WOOD.

[Source 20] stated that CHESTER R. LIEBER, manager of the Far Eastern Division of the National City Bank, New York City, had been a friend and business associate of HUGO WCOG for many years and had known him both in China and in Mexico. This source advised that LIEBER would be able to furnish more complete information regarding WCOG if such was desired.

[Source 20] stated that WCOG claims Swiss birth but advised that he knew nothing of the citizenship status of this individual.

[Source 21] stated that in July, 1943, HUGO WCOG was the manager of the Hotel La Marina, Acapulco, Mexico, and was a friend of CARLOS WALTER, manager of the Hotel La Riviera, Acapulco.

[According to information obtained from Source 22] the address book of OSCAR CZBERKOFF DANCIGERS contained an entry, "WCOG, Gladstone 5265", during a visit in December, 1944, of DANCIGERS to Los Angeles from Mexico City. This telephone is listed to ROGER WCOG, 1423 North Curson Street, Hollywood. It may be noted that DANCIGERS is the subject of a pending Internal Security - R case in the Los Angeles Office.

The following description of HUGO WCOG was obtained:

Height	5'8"
Weight	140
Eyes	Brown, wears heavy glasses
Hair	dark, partially bald
Build	Slender
Scars and marks	Had moustache, now clean-shaven.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

~~H. DOBKIN, D. DOBKIN,~~
~~Mrs. DELLA DOBKINS~~

The referenced letter from New York dated March 20, reflected communications by mail and telephone between Mrs. RAY ELSON, a Subject of this case, and the above captioned individuals. Telephonic communication was through Mutual 0601, Los Angeles, and it was determined that this

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telephone number is listed to the Belmont Arms Apartments, 137 Witmer Street, Los Angeles. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

A spot check of the premises at 137 Witmer Street revealed that M. DOBKIN and a Mrs. SCHUCHTER are listed in Apartment 15, at that address.

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[REDACTED]

It is not known whether this individual is identical with the M. DOBKIN being investigated in this case. [REDACTED]

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The records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association reflect a MORRIS DOBKIN aka MOSSES, 2715 1/2 West Vernon Avenue, Los Angeles, who, in 1941, was employed by the Style Garment Company, 719 North Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, California, as an operator. This individual was formerly employed by SAM GUTLIN, 850 South Broadway, Los Angeles, and by LOUIS ALPERT, same address, as an operator. A bank account was indicated at the Bank of America, Ninth and Main Streets, Los Angeles, and a divorce suit was recorded July, 1943, with interlocutory decree of divorce October, 1943, of MORRIS from IDA. Investigation to date has not revealed whether or not this individual is identical with the DOBKIN residing at 137 Witmer Street.

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THE PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION:

AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA:

Will check the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service for information concerning the arrival in the United States of ARNOLD and BRUCE ENDELMAN.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will check the records of the Treasury Department for information concerning the issuance of general license number 42 not blocked. It will be noted that by executive order of December 15, 1941, the issuance of general licenses was provided for transactions under the Trading With the Enemy Act.

THE CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION:

AT NILES, OHIO:

Will conduct investigation at the Niles Bank Company, Police Department, and other sources to obtain further information regarding the ENDELMANS who arrived in the United States in 1941 as refugees.

Will endeavor to ascertain the relationship between ARNOLD ENDELMAN and MICHAEL ENDELMAN alias M. N. DELMAN, who is suspected of being a Russian agent.

Will consider the advisability of contacting HELEN DAVIS, 829 Warren Avenue, Niles, under suitable pretext in order to obtain further information regarding the ENDELMANS. It will be noted that HELEN DAVIS is presently corresponding with the ENDELMANS in Beverly Hills.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION:

AT FRESNO, CALIFORNIA:

Will identify and obtain background information regarding NICK F. ZENOVICH, 394 Effie Street, who was in the party bidding farewell to PERAZICH at the Santa Fe Station on January 14, 1946.

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AT KERNAN, CALIFORNIA:

Will identify GEORGE SKLENDER who was in telephonic contact with the RABICH residence on December 14, 1945.

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AT MADERA, CALIFORNIA:

Will identify and obtain background information regarding JOHN VUICH who was in the party bidding farewell to the PERAZICH family on January 14, 1946.

AT BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA:

Will report the results of the mail cover on ARNOLD and BRUCE ENDELMAN, 416 North Beverly Drive and 470 South Almont Drive.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

Will conduct investigation to identify M. DOBKIN, D. DOBKIN and/or Mrs. DELLA DOBBINS and will check background information regarding them.

Will ascertain if MORRIS or MORRY DOBKIN is identical with M. DOBKIN.

Will attempt to identify LUCILLE ELFENBEIN and will obtain background information regarding this individual.

Will check the records of Immigration and Naturalization Service for the name of HUGO R. and PAULINE WOOD.

Will obtain further information regarding background and activities of these individuals.

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SOURCE 2

CARL JOBE, Assistant Manager
Retail Credit Company
315 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, California.

SOURCE 3

J. G. STEVENS,
Commercial Cashier
Security, First National Bank
Beverly Hills, California.

SOURCE 4

THEO FRICH, Acting Supervisor
Escrow Department
Security First National Bank
Beverly Hills, California.

SOURCE 5

Censorship Intercepts dated October 26,
1944, and March 2, 1942, in the VERA
GAYLORD case.

SOURCE 6

Confidential National Defense Informant
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SOURCE 7

PATRICIA CALLECHER, Clerk
Local Board 246, Beverly Hills, California.

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SOURCE 8

DAVE WISE
Plant Superintendent, RKO Studios.

SOURCE 9

NAN COCHRAN,
Head of Story Department, RKO Studios.

SOURCE 10

CHARLES COOK, Director
Publicity Department
Paramount Studios.

SOURCE 11

Memorandum dated December 4, 1945, in the
closed file entitled, "Free German Activities
in the Los Angeles Area". 100-287057-Sub 3

SOURCE 12

Reports in the case entitled, "Communist Party,
Northwest Section, District 13, Los Angeles
County Communist Party".

SOURCE 13

Report of Special Agent FENNEL V. ROBE,
dated December 6, 1945, in the Comrap
case, Internal Security - R. 100-201521-5064

SOURCE 14

Report of Special Agent DANIEL P. CAHILL,
dated February 24, 1945, in the case entitled,
"GEORGE HENRI ANTON IVENS, Internal Security - R".
45-29951-29

SOURCE 15

Report of Special Agent TOMMY G. McWILLIAMS, JR.,
dated at San Francisco, April 18, 1945, in the
case entitled, "GEORGE HENRI ANTON IVENS,
Internal Security - R". 45-29951-38

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SOURCE 16

Report of Special Agent JOHN R. VICARS, Los Angeles, dated February 16, 1944, entitled, "Communist Party, USA, District 13, Los Angeles Field Division, Internal Security - C".
100-3-48

SOURCE 17

Report of Special Agent JOHN R. VICARS, Los Angeles, dated December 31, 1943, in the case entitled, "National Council of America - Soviet Friendship, Inc., Internal Security - C".

SOURCE 18

Miss VERA E. SIMPSON, Clerk
Local Draft Board 279,
106 East "F" Street
Wilmington, California.

SOURCE 19

H. J. GERVAN, Assistant Manager
Citizens National Bank
200 East Anaheim
Wilmington, California.

SOURCE 20

W. B. BOWER, Jr.
Vice-President and Branch Manager
Citizens National Bank
200 East Anaheim
Wilmington, California.

SOURCE 21

Report of Special Agent H. FRANK A. ORILL, Los Angeles, dated December 15, 1943, in the closed case entitled, "ERROL FLYNN, NORA EDDINGTON, Victim, WSTA" 31-68502-20

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SOURCE 22

The report of Special Agent RILEY F. LINBERG,
dated at Los Angeles, February 21, 1945,
entitled, "OSCAR OZBERKOFF DANCIGERS, Internal
Security - R".

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: April 26, 1946

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: ALGER HISS

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

Reference is made to the attached pink memorandum from Mr. Tamm to you dated April 25, 1946, concerning Alger Hiss.

As you recall Alger Hiss is a subject in the Gregory case and is presently employed as Deputy Director in the Office of Special Political Affairs, United States State Department. He is presently serving with the State Department on United Nations matters.

The Attorney General has received copies of memoranda concerning Hiss in the Gregory case entitled "Underground Soviet Espionage Organization (NKVD) in Agencies of the United States Government" dated February 21, 1946. This information was made available to the Attorney General on February 25, 1946. The Attorney General was also furnished a summary which contained information about Hiss entitled "Soviet Espionage in the United States" on December 4, 1945.

Alger Hiss was recently interviewed by an official of the Bureau at his own request, and the results of that interview were made available to the Attorney General on March 25, 1946, the same date upon which the interview occurred.

An up-to-date memorandum concerning the activities of Hiss was made available to you on April 16, 1946.

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The investigation concerning the activities of Hiss is continuing as a part of the Gregory case, and all future information concerning Hiss' activities will be furnished to the Attorney General.

ACTION:

None. The above data are being submitted to you for your information.

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Did we also advise
Sec. of State?

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